

# E-Mail

**To: AQS REGISTERED USERS**

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**Subject: Use of AQSP&A in place of PARSV2 for reporting precision and accuracy data to AQS**

A new spreadsheet approach for building precision and accuracy data input transactions for AQS was presented last year at the 2003 AQS Conference. This new approach is called the Air Quality System Precision and Accuracy Transaction Generator (AQSP&A), and consists of an Excel spreadsheet and visual basic for applications procedures, including monitor and method lookups, to simplify P&A transaction creation. The AQSP&A software runs on all of the newer versions of Microsoft Windows, and was created as a replacement for our older PARSV2 for Windows software that did not always function reliably in the Windows 2000 or Windows XP environments. AQSP&A is currently in use by approximately 2 dozen agencies, and seems to be functioning reliably. Training for AQSP&A was presented during the 2003 AQS Conference, and will be presented again at this year's conference in Clearwater Beach (May 24 -28).

Now that we have a replacement program, we can "retire" our PARS V2 software. The purpose of this memo is to inform you that we will no longer be supporting PARSV2 starting July 1, 2004. For most of you, this should have no real consequence in that we have not been involved in any activities related to this software for several years. The software will be removed from our web page at that time, and not be available for downloads any longer. If you have downloaded the PARSV2 software previously, and have been using it, you will still be able to use it, however.

There are several reasons for our decision to remove support for PARSV2. They are:

- Many users have experienced operating problems when attempting to run this software in Windows 2000 or newer operating systems.
- It is not efficient for us to maintain duplicate programs for the same purpose. We have the AQSP&A software for your use, and will continue to support that software. Additionally, many agencies have developed their own P&A programs. Some agencies use the older version of PARS, also. We believe that the demand for PARSV2 is very small, due to the other available software packages, and the problems encountered with newer PC operating environments.
- The summary statistical reports in PARSV2 may not always generate correct summarizations for upper and lower probability limits. Please note that the values used in the transactions by PARSV2 have always been correct, and the data has been formatted and loaded into AQS correctly. But the PARS statistical reports may not match the AQS P&A report statistics in certain cases.

It is for these reasons that we no longer will be supporting the PARSV2 software. We always welcome your input, please feel free to let us know what (if any) impacts you foresee. You can contact me at (919) 541-5451. Thank you.